

Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/496,068	MURCHING ET AL.	
	Examiner Colin M. LaRose	Art Unit 2623	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Colin M. LaRose. (3) _____.

(2) Joel Fogelson. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 27 August 2003.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 7 and 8.

Identification of prior art discussed: Shafarenko and Luo.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Examiner suggested amending the claims to distinguish from the cited references; amend claim 1 so that the pixel blocks are comprised of a plurality of pixels; amend claims 7 and 8 to specify that the methods are utilized for image search/retrieval applications.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Examiner's signature, if required